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Headquarters of Chingleput district

* 723 *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal with the Government to locate the district headquarters of the Chingleput district in Kancheepuram instead of at Chingleput town; and

(*b*) if so, what are the causes for such step?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to locate the present district headquarters of the Chingleput district in Kancheepuram.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, was such a proposal to locate the headquarters at Kancheepuram ever in the offing? Was it at least discussed and dropped subsequently?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir. It was mooted once in 1947 and again in 1954 and it was dropped both times.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIYAR : May I know whether there is any proposal to shift the headquartrs from Saidapet to Chingleput?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : No, Sir.

SRIMATHI T. N. ANANDANAYAKI : May I know what the reasons are for dropping such a proposal?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : The reason is that the advantages are greater in having it as it is than in making a change.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Are the Government aware of the fact that Kancheepuram is largely populated when compared to Chingleput town and it is centrally situated within the district whereas Chingleput is situated at one border of the district? If so, why not the Government reconsider the possibility of shifting the headquarters to Kancheepuram?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : I concede the point of population. But as for being centrally situated I cannot agree with the hon. Member. Because, for certain places like Ponneri, Kancheepuram will be situated at one end of the district. Further, Saidapet is well-connected with railways and roads and has got all other facilities.

Government Hospital at Kulasekaram

* 724 *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் ரெவினியு அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவுசெய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) குலசேகரத்திலுள்ள சர்க்கார் ஆஸ்பத்திரியை ஒரு மேஜர் ஆஸ்பத்திரியாக உயர்த்த பணம் ஒதுக்கப்பட்டதா ?

(ஆ) ஆம் என்றால், என் இதுவரை வேலை ஆரம்பிக்கப்படவில்லை ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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MR. SPEAKER: The next three questions, viz., Question Nos. 725, 726 and 727 relate to Transport and so they may be taken up together.

Transport Department Employees

* 725 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri T. S. Ramaswami Pillai): Will the Hon. Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government in the matter of the integration of services of the Transport Department;

(*b*) the number of pensionable employees and the number of non-pensionable employes in the Department at present; and

(*c*) whether bonus is being paid to the non-pensionable employees and if so, at what rate?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) Final proposals are awaited from the Honorary Director, Madras State Transport.

(*b*) The particulars are as follows:—

	Pensionable.	Non-pensionable.
Madras Branch	601	3,276
Kanyakumari Branch ..	389	127

(*c*) No, Sir.

* 726 *Q.*—SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM (on behalf of Sri T. S. Ramaswamy Pillai): Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and instances of promotions overlooking the seniority in service in the Transport Department given during each of the last three years; and

(*b*) the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) The particulars are as follows:—

	Madras Branch.	Kanyakumari Branch.
1956	15	..
1957	45	1
1958	1	..

(*b*) Promotions overlooking seniority were based on merit and ability.